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20. — *The Southern Rebellion and the War for the Union. A History of the Rise and Progress of the Rebellion and Consecutive Narrative of Events and Incidents, from the first Stages of the Treason against the Republic down to the Close of the Conflict, together with important Documents, Extracts from remarkable Speeches, &c. &c.* Nos. 1–3. New York: James D. Torrey. 1861. Weekly. 8vo. pp. 1–96.

THIS publication promises to be of the highest historical value. It commences with a succinct narrative of former conspiracies. Its history of the present rebellion is calm and unimpassioned, statistical and circumstantial, enriched with the leading documents which illustrate its inception and progress, and manifestly adapted to diffuse just sentiments, not by inflammatory appeals, but by the presentation of facts, acknowledged motives, and avowed purposes. Such a work, continued till the sad conflict shall terminate, will be of permanent authority, and will furnish the future historiographer of this critical period with materials, which, if not gathered now, might, in a few years, be gleaned but partially and with difficulty from files of newspapers, or from doubtful memory and exaggerated tradition.

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21. — *The Soldier's Pocket-Bible. An Exact Reprint of the Original Edition of 1643. With a Prefatory Note.* By GEORGE LIVERMORE. Cambridge. 1861. pp. viii., 16.

THIS reprint is a fac-simile of a tract published for the use of the Puritan army shortly after the commencement of the civil war in England. Mr. Livermore believes it to have been the Bible, a copy of which was furnished to every soldier in Cromwell's army, and in his Prefatory Note he states satisfactory — we think conclusive — reasons for this belief. Only two copies of the original are known to be in existence. It consists of the texts of Scripture bearing on a soldier's life and duty, arranged under appropriate captions. It is an able and ingenious compilation, interesting for the skill which it displays, curious as an historical document, and memorable for the inspiration which it must have given to men who fought in the assurance that they were instruments in the hands of Providence for the establishment of the word of God and the reign of his saints. Mr. Livermore merits our hearty thanks for his generous care in rescuing this rare antique from oblivion. We quote the original title-page: —

“THE SOULDIERS Pocket Bible :

“Containing the most (if not all) those places contained in holy Scripture, which doe shew the qualifications of his inner man, that is a fit

Souldier to fight the Lords Battels, both before he fight, in the fight, and after the fight;

"Which Scriptures are reduced to severall heads, and fitly applyed to the Souldiers severall occasions, and so may supply the want of the whole Bible, which a Souldier cannot conveniently carry about him :

"And may bee also usefull for any Christian to meditate upon, now in this miserable time of Warre.

"Imprimatur, *Edm. Calamy.*

"*Jos.* 18. This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou maist observe to doe according to all that is written therein, for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, and have good successe.

"Printed at *London* by *G. B.* and *R. W.* for *G. C.* 1643."

22.— *The Anarchiad: a New England Poem.* Written in Concert by DAVID HUMPHREYS, JOEL BARLOW, JOHN TRUMBULL, and DR. LEMUEL HOPKINS. Now first published in book form. Edited, with Notes and Appendices, by LUTHER G. RIGGS. New Haven: Thomas H. Pease. 1861. 16mo. pp. 120.

IT is well known that the interval between the close of the Revolutionary war and the adoption of the Federal Constitution was, in the New England States, a period of general discontent and of numerous conflicts and collisions between large numbers of the citizens and the established authorities. The depreciation of paper money, the lack of employment for the disbanded soldiery, the unsettled state of society consequent on a protracted war, and the preponderant numbers of the debtor class, multiplied causes of uneasiness, and cherished the growth of treasonable plottings, practices, and movements, which, in Massachusetts, culminated in the Shays rebellion, and in the other States produced numerous disturbances on a smaller scale and of less alarming portent. At this time the cluster of poet-wits named in the title-page quoted above, all resident in Hartford, published in "The New Haven Gazette and Connecticut Magazine" the series of papers now reprinted. They purported to be an account, with specimens, of "The Anarchiad: a Poem on the Restoration of Chaos and Substantial Night." The poem was fabled to have been found among some recently-discovered ruins, cleansed and made legible by a chemical preparation, and deciphered by the antiquarian zeal of those into whose hands it came. It contained, under the cover of pretended prophecy, and with well-contrived mythical machinery, sketches of the anarchical proceedings then rife, and of the utter social chaos which was their legitimate tendency. Among the more credulous, the fable gained,